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Project Title: Point Thomson

Lead Federal Agency: COE

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Sara Longan, (2) DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, (3) Lori Aldridge, (4) EPA Lead: Gayle Martin (404)

ExxonMobil proposal to produce oil, gas and hydrocarbon condensate from the Point Thomson Sand Reservoir and delineate other hydrocarbon resources in the Point Thomson area.	<p>FEIS issued Aug 2012. COE issued ROD and 404 permit on October 26, 2012.</p> <p>Condensate export pipeline construction has been completed.</p> <p>Hydrotesting of export pipeline has been completed and data is being provided to the State Pipeline Coordinator's Office.</p>	Joint Federal 404 inspection occurred September 2014.	<p>State permit and compliance meetings are held weekly</p> <p>OPMP Coordinating State agency inspections and on-site visits. DEC Air Quality permit modification issued early August 2014. DEC, OPMP and Exxon have regular biweekly meetings to discuss air permit progress.</p>
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Project Title: National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska (NPR-A) IAP/EIS

Lead Federal Agency: BLM

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Sara Longan, (2) DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, (3) Lori Aldridge (SW), (4) EPA Lead: Jennifer Curtis (NEPA), (5) Corps Lead: Mike Holley

<p>The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has finished the NEPA process for an Integrated Activity Plan (IAP).</p> <p>Salazar memo to BLM issued 12/19/12, noted ROD would specify that pipelines from offshore leases would not be prohibited by IAP, prompted outreach with NS communities prior to ROD issuance.</p>	<p>Preferred Alternative announced 8/9/12.</p> <p>FEIS issued 12/19/12.</p> <p>ROD issued 2/21/13.</p>	ROD notes creation of NPR-A working group that includes NS communities but excludes other permitting agencies (state and federal) other than on an as needed basis.	State to participate on NPR-A Working Group as an ex-officio member.
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Project Title: Alaska LNG Project

Lead Federal Agency: FERC**

Responsible Person: (1) DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, (2) Tim Spires (SW), (3) DNR Lead: Don Perrin (supported by Shannon Miller & Mark Morones), (4) EPA Lead: Mark Jen (PM/NEPA), (5) Gayle Martin (404), (6) USACE Lead: Janet Post, (6) FWS, ESA lead: Shannon Torrence; (7) US DOE NEPA lead: Ben Nussdorf, (8) BLM permitting lead: Earle Williams; (9) NMFS lead: Greg Balogh, (10) FERC** lead: James Martin

<p>The Alaska LNG Project is now under the jurisdictional authority of FERC; all facilities will be located in Alaska. Project has a dedicated website: [HYPERLINK "http://ak-lng.com/"].</p> <p>On September 5, 2014, the project sponsors (ExxonMobil, ConocoPhillips, BP, TransCanada, and the State of Alaska-owned Alaska Gasline Development Corporation) submitted an application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) requesting approval to commence the “pre-filing” environmental review process required for federal authorizations to build and operate the \$45 billion to \$65 billion Alaska LNG Project for the export of liquefied Alaska natural gas to foreign markets.</p> <p>The Alaska LNG Project includes: (1) an 800-mile long pipeline from a gas treatment plant (GTP) on the North Slope to a liquefaction facility on the eastern shore of Cook Inlet in</p>	<p>Field studies are being conducted this summer to collect and confirm baseline data for the latest iteration of the project. Project is about to submit 1st draft resource reports (RR) to FERC. The RR address substantive areas that will form basis for the EIS.</p> <p>DEC Air Quality staff met with Alaska LNG to discuss their Kenai air monitoring efforts. Plans are being made to discuss the permitting and modeling needed for the Gas Treatment Plant (GTP) and Compressor Stations.</p> <p>The application to FERC outlines a proposed timeline:</p>	<p>FERC is begun coordination with federal agencies as part of its Pre-Filing process. FERC is anticipated to begin scoping meetings in the Spring of 2015.</p>	<p>The Alaska Legislature passed SB 138 which allows the State to be a partner in the proposed development.</p> <p>A pipeline termination site has been identified in Nikiski and air quality modeling discussions for a liquefaction plant have taken place with ADEC Air Quality.</p> <p>SPCO is holding weekly meetings to coordinate activity relate to ongoing project field work and the AS 38.35 ROW; SPCO continues to coordinate meetings pertaining to G&G activities on the North Slope, the proposed pipeline corridor & Cook Inlet. OPMP rep to state project team is coordinating</p>
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the Nikiski area of the Kenai Peninsula; (2) a 60-mi long pipeline from the Point Thomson Unit to the GTP; (3) a 2 tanker marine terminal and storage tanks at Nikiski; and (4) 5 gas offtake locations to provide gas within Alaska.	FERC project approval no later than July 2018 Full application to FERC by September 2016. Issue DEIS by October 2017 and FEIS by March 2018		SOA participation in FERC NEPA process, including comments on pending draft Resource Reports. Project is supporting, with coordination from SOA, the USCG Waterway Suitability Assessment (WSA)

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Project Title: Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline (ASAP) Project

Lead Federal Agency: COE

Responsible Person: (1) DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, (2) DNR Lead: Chris Grundman (SPCO), (3) EPA Lead: Mark Jen (PM/NEPA), (4) Gayle Martin (404), (5) Corps Lead: Mary Romero

<p>The proposed project would construct a 36-inch diameter, high pressure natural gas pipeline from the North Slope to Cook Inlet.</p> <p>The Alaska District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) has been designated the lead federal agency and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Park Service (NPS), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Department of Natural Resources (ADNR) are participating as Cooperating Agencies in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process.</p>	<p>Field work is planned for the summer of 2014 in support of the 2016 final design and ROW clearing. Construction is anticipated in 2017.</p> <p>Tentative plans are for a draft SEIS in the winter of 2015.</p> <p>Public Scoping Meetings were held in August and September 2014 in Healy, Nenana, Cantwell, Talkeetna, Willow, Anchorage, Kenai, Seward, Fairbanks, and Minto.</p> <p>Public Scoping Comments were due October 14, 2014.</p>	<p>AGDC submitted a permit application to the ACOE in June 2014. ACOE held scoping meetings in August and September 2014.</p>	<p>The SPCO has received a land use permit application.</p> <p>ASAP plans to discuss their permitting plans with DEC Air Permit staff in Sept/Oct 2014.</p> <p>Comments are due on the ASAP Plan of Development by October 1, 2014.</p>
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Project Title: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project

Lead Federal Agency: FERC

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Marie Steele, (2) DEC Lead: William Ashton, (3) ADFG Lead: Joe Klein (4) NMFS Lead: Susan Walker (Mandatory Conditioning Agency) (5) USFWS Lead: Phil Brna (Mandatory Conditioning Agency) (6) EPA Lead: Matt LaCroix (404), (7) Jennifer Curtis (PM/NEPA) (8) Corps Lead: Jason Berkner

<p>As proposed, Susitna-Watana Hydro would include construction of a dam, reservoir and related facilities in a remote part of the Susitna River, 184 river miles from Cook Inlet, 87 river miles beyond Talkeetna and 22 to 32 river miles above Devils Canyon which acts as a natural impediment to salmon migration.</p> <p>Transmission lines connecting into the existing Railbelt transmission system and an access road would also be constructed. The Susitna-Watana Hydro Dam installed capacity would be 600 MW with the average annual generation determined to be 2600 GWhrs (HDR 2009).</p> <p>The project proponent is Alaska Energy Authority (AEA).</p> <p>Funding for FY14: \$20M</p>	<p>Proponent filed the Initial Study Report (ISR) on 3 June 2014. The ISR reports progress in implementing the FERC-approved Study Plan through the 2013 Season, identifies any variances and discusses any necessary modifications to the approved study plan. FERC has waived the normal 15-day period between the filing of the ISR and the ISR Summary Meeting, from 15 days to 120 days. The ILP schedule will resume upon the filing of the ISR Meeting Summary on Oct 31, 2014.</p> <p>New dates: Jun 2014: Initial Study Report (ISR) Oct 2014: ISR Summary Meeting 2015: Second Study Season Feb 2016: Updated Study Report (USR) Dec 2016: License application</p> <p>FERC approved AEA's December 2014 request for a 60-day delay in the ILP.</p>	<p>USFWS and NMFS are mandatory conditioning agencies. EPA, COE and USDA-RUS are Cooperating Agencies on the FERC EIS.</p> <p>AEA met with EPA in July 2014 to discuss 404-related issues and corridor alternatives. EPA shared concerns regarding lack of involvement of cooperating agencies in development of alternatives.</p> <p>EPA attended the Technical Working Group meetings in October 2014.</p>	<p>High-priority studies will continue during 2014 study season in accordance with the FERC-approved Study Plan. New information generated by this ongoing work will be made available on the project website for stakeholders' information. Any 2014 studies will be formally reported on in the Updated Study Report (USR), to be filed with FERC in February 2016.</p> <p>A complex land-use permit has been signed providing AEA with the necessary access to conduct studies on CIRI and village corporation lands.</p>
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Project Title: Shell OCS Beaufort Sea

Lead Federal Agency: BOEM

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Sara Longan, (2) DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, (3) EPA Leads: Hanh Shaw and Erin Seyfried (WW), (4) Natasha Greaves (Air)

<p>Drilled top hole for Sivulliq well during fall, 2012; first of its new wells in the Beaufort Sea OCS.</p> <p>Shell suspended plans to drill in 2014.</p>	<p>Shell scaled back its drilling operations in the summer of 2012 due to a containment system failure during testing. Shell drilled shallower, top-holes. Shell suspended plans to drill in 2013 and does not have any plans for exploratory drilling in the Beaufort Sea in 2014.</p> <p>Drilling in the Beaufort Sea is not planned for 2015.</p>	<p>Environmental groups filed suit against BSEE's approval of Shell's OSR 7/9/12. A U.S District court judge upheld BSEE's OSR approval 8/5/13.</p> <p>NPDES general permit for Beaufort Sea oil and gas exploration discharges issued in fall of 2012.</p> <p>The Beaufort general permit is under review by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals on a challenge brought by the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission.</p> <p>Shell voluntarily withdrew Arctic OCS air permits from EPA on November 9, 2013.</p>	
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Project Title: Shell OCS Chukchi Sea

Lead Federal Agency: BOEM/BSEE

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Sara Longan, (2) DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, (3) EPA Leads: Hanh Shaw and Erin Seyfried (WW), (4) Natasha Greaves (Air)

<p>Shell's revised Exploration Plan for 2012 drilling in the Chukchi Sea was submitted to BOEM in October 2011. Released for 21-day public comment period on EA along with Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan (ODPCP) in November. BOEM Conditionally Approved Shell's 2012 Exploration Plan for the Chukchi Sea, but placed additional conditions that shorten the time period for exploration and place additional restrictions on Shell's Incidental Take Authorizations.</p> <p>Shell scaled back drilling operations during the summer of 2012 due to a containment system failure during testing. Shell drilled shallower, top-holes.</p> <p>Shell has suspended plans to drill in 2014.</p> <p>In August 2014, Shell submitted a draft Exploration Plan to BOEM for the Chukchi Sea.</p> <p>Two drilling units, the <i>Discover</i> and <i>Polar Pioneer</i>, would be used simultaneously and serve as the secondary relief well for the other drilling unit.</p>	<p>Shell suspended plans for drilling in the summer of 2013. On Nov. 6, 2013 Shell submitted revised Chukchi Sea Exploration Plan to BOEM. BOEM requested additional information. Once "deemed submitted" BOEM has 30 days to make decision and conduct analysis.</p> <p>BOEM will be drafting a new analysis of the impacts of oil and gas leasing in the Chukchi Sea due to litigation in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals and subsequent actions in the US District Court for Alaska. A revised analysis is anticipated to be completed by March 2015.</p>	<p>NPDES general permit for Chukchi Sea oil and gas exploration discharges issued in fall of 2012.</p> <p>On January 26, 2015, EPA received the Notice of Intent applications requesting permit coverage at four well locations in the Burger lease blocks (F, J, S and V).</p> <p>Shell voluntarily withdrew Arctic OCS air permits from EPA on November 6, 2013.</p> <p>EPA terminated the Shell Chukchi Air Permit on Dec. 26, 2013.</p> <p>EPA has declined cooperating agency status on the BOEM revised Shell Exploration Plan Environmental Assessment.</p>	<p>The State has agreed to be a Cooperating Agency for the review of the Revised EP.</p>
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Project Title: OCS Lease Sale 193 (Chukchi Sea)

Lead Federal Agency: BOEM

Responsible Person: (1) OPMP Coordinator: Sara Longan, (2) DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, (3) EPA Lead: Jennifer Curtis (NEPA), (4) Corps Lead: NA

<p>BOEM issued a FSEIS for OCS Lease Sale 193 in the Chukchi Sea on 8/18/11, announced in the Federal Register on 8/26/11. The SEIS was in response to a court ordered remand to address the effects of natural gas development as well as addressing incomplete, missing, or unavailable information.</p> <p>In March 2011 BOEM announced that an analysis of a Very Large Oil Spill would be added to the SEIS in view of the Deepwater Horizon event. The final decision from the Secretary of the Interior to affirm, modify or cancel Lease Sale 193 was due to the US District Court by 10/3/11. The final EIS is available at: [HYPERLINK "http://alaska.boemre.gov/ref/EIS_EA/2011_041_FEIS/2011_041x.htm"]</p>	<p>BOEM reaffirmed the 2008 Lease Sale 193 based on the new SEIS.</p> <p>Conoco Phillips has filed an exploration plan for their Chukchi Sea Leases with BOEM, deadline of March 22, 2012 for BOEM to accept it as submitted or to request additional information. Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan for Chukchi Sea also submitted by Conoco Phillips.</p>	<p>NOAA NMFS and the North Slope Borough were Cooperating Agencies on the EIS.</p> <p>EPA submitted comments on the FSEIS on 9/22/11.</p> <p>Potential oil spill analysis is expected to be distributed to cooperating agencies on October 1, 2014 for review. Comments are due October 5, 2014.</p>	
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Project Title: Geotechnical General Permit for federal waters of the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas

Lead Federal Agency: EPA

Lead State Agency: DEC

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Sara Longan (2) DEC Leads: Wade Strickland, Chris Foley, Gary Mendivil, (5) EPA Lead: Erin Seyfried

<p>EPA NPDES General Permit for Geotechnical Surveying and Related Activities in Federal Waters of the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas (Permit No. AKG-28-4300).</p> <p>ADEC is developing a similar general permit for geotechnical facilities in state waters (Permit No. AKG283100).</p>	<p>Joint EPA/ADEC public comment period: November 22, 2013 – February 19, 2014.</p>	<p>EPA's draft permit was re-proposed on August 15, 2014. Comments were due on September 30, 2014.</p> <p>On January 29, 2015, EPA issued the final general permit. The permit will be effective on March 2, 2015; the appeal period is 120 days from the date of issuance.</p>	
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Project Title: Cook Inlet General Permits

Lead Federal Agency: EPA (federal waters) and State of Alaska (state waters)

Responsible Person: (1) State Leads: Sara Longan, (2) Sara Taylor, (3) Patricia Bettis (Escopeta), (4) DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, (5) EPA Lead: Cindi Godsey (WW), (6) Corps Lead: TBD

OCS Exploration General Permits for State and Federal Waters (Permit No. AKG-31-5000), issued in 2007, expired 7/12, extended administratively. Authority for oil and gas permitting in Cook Inlet state waters transferred to ADEC in 2012.	5-year general permits for discharge into Cook Inlet from exploration activities (ADEC for state waters, EPA for federal waters) currently planned for final issuance in 2014; will replace applicable components of the expired permit(s).	EPA expects to issue the final general permit in Spring-Summer 2015.	ADEC led all-day workshops on May 27 (Anchorage) and May 29 (Homer) discussing the proposed GP for O&G Development and Production (Permit No. AKG-31-5200).
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Project Title: Nuiqsut Spur Road

Lead Federal Agency: COE

Responsible Person: (1) EPA: Gayle Martin (404), (2) Corps: Hank Baij

A spur road to connect the Village of Nuiqsut with the road currently under development near CD-5.	Corps permit issued March 12, 2014. Road is currently under construction. Permit conditions include a dust abatement plan, stewardship plan and conservation easement.	EPA issued 3(a) and 3(b) letters but did not elevate. EPA is working with the Corps on policy-level issues identified through this and other North Slope projects.	
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Project Title: Apache 3-D Seismic

Lead Federal Agency: FWS

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Sara Taylor, (2) DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, (3) FWS Lead: Andy Loranger, (4) NMFS Lead: Brad Smith, (5) Corps Lead: TBD

<p>Advanced 3D seismic imaging of lease holdings in the Cook Inlet area, including offshore state leases and CIRI subsurface inholdings in the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge (KNWR).</p> <p>Special Use Permit issued for work in KNWR in mid-July 2013. Permit is good until 2016 with option to renew for two additional years.</p> <p>Survey commenced Feb 2014 and ran through April 2014 on Tyonek Native Corporation lands within the refuge and offshore to the north. Initial planned area for seismic survey has been scaled down to target areas with high potential. Survey expected to resume in fall 2014.</p>	<p>Environmental Assessment regarding a proposed five-year special use permit to authorize seismic operations on certain Refuge lands; final EA issued and FONSI signed July 2013, followed by Special Use Permit. Amended FONSI and Supplemental EA in development to cover expected project changes.</p> <p>Compatibility Determination for activities on Tyonek lands within the Refuge related to marine support issued April 11, 2013. Work to be governed by Special Use Permit, with some exceptions.</p> <p>Section 106 consultation finalized.</p>	<p>IHA 1 issued 4/30/12 in litigation over Biological Opinion; on appeal to Ninth Circuit. IHA 2 for 3/1/13 to 3/1/14 issued February 2013. IHA 3 for 3/1/14 to 3/1/15 issued March 2014. LOA application pending.</p> <p>Four NW6 permits issued (one each in Aug, Sept, Oct, 2012, and one for NW peninsula shoreline in May 2013).</p> <p>Two Section 10 permits issued (one each in May, Oct 2012); one outstanding application submitted 10/16/12 for waters north of the peninsula.</p>	<p>Division of Oil & Gas geophysical land use permit modified 4/15/14 with respect to seismic activities in tidal mudflats near Moose Point/Gray Cliff. Permit expires August 2014, renewal in progress.</p> <p>Division of Parks & Outdoor Rec land use permit issued 9/1/12. Capt Cook State Rec Area (CCSRA) and Kenai River Special Mgmt Area (KRSMA) applications submitted 12/4/12. CCSRA permit issued in April 2013, expired in 2014 and not renewed. KRSMA permit decision delayed at Apache's request, may require exception from Commissioner.</p>
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Project Title: AIDEA Alaska Interior Energy Plan – FBX LNG

Lead Federal Agency:

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Sara Longan, (2) DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, (3) Corps Lead: Fairbanks Field Office, (4) EPA Lead: Gayle Martin

<p>Natural gas will be liquefied on the North Slope and trucked to Interior Alaska. Primary LNG demand anticipated to be FBX and North Pole. LNG will be temporarily stored and re-gasified in Interior Alaska. LNG will be delivered to market via trucking and distributed to consumers through an expanded pipe distribution system.</p> <p>[HYPERLINK "http://www.aidea.org/"]</p>	<p>Target: first gas by 4Q 2015/ 1Q 2016</p>	<p>Pre-application meeting among local, state, and federal agencies held August 20, 2013. EPA did not participate in this meeting.</p> <p>Corps' Public Notices for the LNG pad at Prudhoe, and the regassification pad at Fairbanks ran during Nov – Dec 2013.</p> <p>To address agency concerns on location of pad at Prudhoe, an alternate location was proposed by the applicant. The Corps ran a revised public notice on the new pad location at Prudhoe, with comments due on February 18, 2014.</p>	<p>AIDEA feasibility report to Governor, evaluation of proposals March 2013. AIDEA form fin package offering Feb – July 2013</p> <p>AIDEA participate and lead in P3 finance negotiations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -North Slope LNG project -Trucking Contracts -Gas Storage project -FBX Distribution build out <p>Engineering Analysis, technology review, underwriting Feb – July 2013</p> <p>AIDEA submitted its Prevention of Significant Deterioration permit on January 31. DEC Air Quality plans to public notice the permit decision by the end of August 2014.</p> <p>State Pipeline Coordinator's Office is scoping the North Slope right-of-way issues.</p> <p>The DMLW, Northern Region Office recently extended the comment period for the Land Use Permit, with comments due February 24, 2014.</p>
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Project Title: NMFS/BOEM Effects of Oil and Gas Activities in the Arctic Ocean EIS

Lead Federal Agency:

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Sara Longan, (2) DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, (3) EPA Lead: Jennifer Curtis (NEPA)

<p>On March 21, 2013, NOAA and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) announced the release of the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Effects of Oil and Gas Activities in the Arctic Ocean, which analyzes how a broad range of potential offshore oil and gas activities in the Arctic could affect marine mammals, other resources, and Alaska Native communities.</p> <p>NOAA and BOEM's new analysis follows comments received from stakeholders after release of the initial draft EIS issued in December 2011. The original draft analyzed up to two exploratory drilling programs per year in both the Chukchi and Beaufort seas. The supplemental draft EIS analyzes the effects of up to four drilling programs per year in each area--providing an opportunity to assess potential individual and cumulative impacts.</p> <p>[HYPERLINK "http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/eis/arctic.htm"]</p>	<p>Draft Supplemental EIS public comment period closed June 27, 2013.</p> <p>NMFS is currently drafting preliminary FEIS for four-week agency review.</p>	<p>EPA responded to an Earthjustice FOIA involving the NMFS Arctic Draft SEIS in early 2014.</p>	<p>State of Alaska submitted comments questioning the agency's NEPA process, since the State was not consulted during the two EIS processes.</p> <p>NMFS agreed to share the preliminary FEIS with the State in March before released for public review, release delayed three or more months.</p>
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Project Title: Alpine Satellites Development Great Moose's Tooth -1 (GMT-1) Supplemental EIS

Lead Federal Agency: BLM

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Jeff Bruno, (2) EPA Leads: Jennifer Curtis (NEPA), (3) Gayle Martin (404), (4) Corps Lead: Hank Baij, (5) DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil

<p>In NPR-A: Up to 33 wells, production and injection with 7.8 mile road to connect to CD-5, pipe to connect to CD-1. BLM preparing a supplemental EIS. The State is a cooperating agency and ConocoPhillips signed into an MOU with OPMP. NOI was published Aug 2013.</p> <p>EPA, COE, NSB, FWS, State and Native Village of Nuiqsut were cooperating agencies. The Native Village of Nuiqsut is also engaged in government to government consultations with BLM on this project.</p>	<p>Notice of Availability of DSEIS – Feb 21, 2014</p> <p>PFEIS to cooperators on August 22, 2014.</p> <p>FSEIS – November 2014</p> <p>BLM ROD – February 2015?</p> <p>ConocoPhillips announced that it is delaying the project in January 2015.</p>	<p>BLM has ROW authorizations.</p> <p>EPA reviewed and commented on the FSEIS. Comments were due Dec. 8, 2014.</p> <p>The Corps issued its ROD in January 2015. Alternative A (applicant's proposal) was identified as the LEDPA.</p>	<p>Permits needed: TWUPS, DEC temp. drilling waste storage, DOG POO amendment, potentially some Title 16, AOGCC authorizations.</p> <p>Field visit for Cooperating Agencies was held July 8, 2014.</p>
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Project Title: Foothills West Access Project EIS (Road to Umiat)/LINC Umiat Development

Lead Federal Agency: COE

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Sara Longan, (2) DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, (3) EPA Leads: Gayle Martin (404), (4) Jennifer Curtis (NEPA), (5) Corps Lead: Melissa Riordan, (6) Alaska DOT Lead: Ryan Anderson

<p>Alaska DOT was applying to build the road from the Dalton Highway to Umiat, in the foothills of the Brooks Range, in order to open the area for resource (oil and gas) extraction. Corps of Engineers is in the scoping stage of the EIS development.</p> <p>AECOM, the consultant on the EIS developed six alternatives and after review and screening, will carry forward the following three alternatives in the NEPA impact assessment process: (1) Galbraith Alternative (applicant's proposed action), (2) Pump Station 2 Alternative, and (3) Meltwater Route Alternative.</p> <p>LINC is applying to build a road and pipeline to Umiat, in the foothills of the Brooks Range.</p> <p>Permit and pre-permitting phase: LINC has been conducting environmental baseline studies to prepare for permitting.</p> <p>[HYPERLINK</p>	<p>An EIS scoping report was issued in February 2012 and the draft EIS was anticipated for Fall 2013.</p> <p>In July 2013, ADOT retracted 404 permit, placing it on hold to be resurrected in the future if industry is not successful in building a road to Umiat.</p> <p>LINC may plan another year of exploration before resuming permitting effort. COE may shortly issue PN that permitting is on hold.</p>	<p>Federal permits required:</p> <p>Corps: Section 404 wetlands, Section 106 Historical, Section 10 Rivers</p> <p>EPA: Section 404 permit review</p> <p>USFWS: Section 7 ESA</p> <p>USCG: Permit for bridge over navigable waters</p> <p>The Corps issued an email in December 2013, indicating that they have suspended work on this project and have closed the EIS file.</p>	<p>State permits required:</p> <p>DNR: Material site authorizations, SHPO permit, Right of Way (ROW) permit, Water use permit, material sales and field study authorizations</p> <p>DEC: APDES wastewater permit plus DEC has an interest in cleanup of existing Dept. of Defense contaminated sites.</p> <p>ADF&G: Fish habitat and fish passage</p> <p>DNR OPMP is a cooperating agency.</p> <p>ADEC's Spill Prevention & Response Division conducted a site inspection and oil spill exercise at Umiat on Feb 3, 2014.</p>
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